

October 15, 2024

Kentucky High School Athletic Association
Board of Control

Dear Board,

It is my privilege to submit a letter of recommendation for Ms. Stephanie Livers for induction into the Kentucky High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Stephanie's merits define the fact that she is an outstanding and worthy candidate for your consideration.

As a former swim parent, fan and school administrator, I had the pleasure of witnessing many of Stephanie's athletic accomplishments and leadership qualities. Her exemplary work ethic and moral character extended from the classroom to the swimming pool. She truly embodied what a student-athlete epitomizes.

A Hall of Fame recipient should "wow" the public audience, by demonstrating and accomplishing extraordinary feats that are acknowledged as being above and beyond. Stephanie's discipline, efforts and accomplishments embody the high standard and rich tradition that our School District and Swim Program continue to strive for.

During Stephanie's 1989-1992 high school swimming tenure, she was part of one Team title, three Team runner-up and two relay State titles. Individually, she accomplished six State titles. In 1989, Stephanie was named the State High School Championship Outstanding Female Competitor. She set a State record in the 200 Freestyle in 1991 and another State record in the 200 Freestyle Relay the following year. Stephanie continues to hold the 500 individual freestyle record in our swim program.

On a national perspective, Stephanie was a United States National Team Selection in 1990 and 1991. Her 1991 performance earned a bronze medal in the 50 freestyle. In 1992, she was named First Team High School All-American in the 200 and 500 freestyle.

Stephanie's talent level, achievements, accolades and moral character truly generate that "wow" factor that places her at the elite level. It is my honor and conviction that I nominate Ms. Livers for consideration in the Kentucky High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

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Gary French
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To Whom it May Concern:

It is my honor and privilege to recommend my accomplished and talented friend Stephanie Livers for the Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame. Working in the philanthropic space, I have had the good fortune of working with elite athletes in a variety of sports across the country, and there is no one more deserving of this distinction than Stephanie.

A humble, unassuming girl from a small town and the “little engine that could” Elizabethtown Dolphins Swim Team, Stephanie rose to become one of the most decorated freestylers in the history of the Commonwealth. Her accomplishments are too numerous to fully list here, but include the following highlights: 13-time collegiate All-American; member of the 1990-91 U.S. National Team; qualifier for the 1992 and 1996 Olympic Team Selection Meet; awarded a full collegiate athletic scholarship; 1990 Regional High School Championship and 1989 State High School Championship Outstanding Female Competitor; 1991-1996 U.S. Open Qualifier; 7th-ranked 50-yard freestyler and 16th-ranked 100-yard freestyler in the U.S. for 17-18 year-olds in 1991; 12-time Senior National qualifier from 1990-1996 and 11-time Junior National qualifier from 1987-1992; Kentucky Zone All-Star Team from 1986-1988 with 1st place finishes in the 100, 200, 400, and 800 freestyle in 1988; National Aquatic Swimming Representative for Kentucky 1989-1990; High-point award winner in 30+ meet invitationals; numerous state and high school records and dozens of individual state titles and team awards. In 2014, Stephanie was one of the first inductees into the Elizabethtown High School Athletic Hall of Fame and was the first female inducted.

The titles, records, and accomplishments speak for themselves, but context is important here, as well. Stephanie grew up during a time when women’s sports were not supported or celebrated near what they are today. She was not driven by the promise of wealth or fame, and certainly did not receive the attention she deserved at the time. But there was no athlete, male or female, I can remember from my childhood no one who was more dominant and committed than Stephanie Livers. There was a barrier-breaking quality to her achievements, and yet, she always led with humility, kindness to others, and sportsmanship; even to this day, Stephanie is the first to reach out with a supportive word and a helping hand.

She would never share this anecdote, but I will on her behalf: when our beloved swim coach, the great champion Joel Cyganiewicz (affectionately known as “Coach Cy”) passed away last year, Stephanie was the one who contacted his former swimmers to organize a memorial

for him. She wrote his incredible [obituary](#) and ensured it was placed in the state's largest newspaper. She even delivered the eulogy at his funeral and encouraged all of us to share memories from our time with Coach Cy.

It is my sincere hope those who are making this decision will smile on Stephanie's nomination for induction into the Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame. There was no greater champion swimmer, and there is no more deserving person, than Stephanie Livers.

Sincerely,

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To whom it may concern,

It is my great pleasure to provide a letter of recommendation supporting the nomination of Stephanie Livers to KHSAA Hall of Fame as a past Athlete.

As a former teammate that swam with Stephanie during her high school years at Elizabethtown High School, I was a witness to her exceptionalism. Stephanie was a leader all years due to her athletic talents, work ethic and sportsmanship.

Stephanie's talents are clear when looking back at her titles, records and finishes. I was a member of 1991's EHS Girls Swimming State Championship team. I remember Stephanie diving into water as anchor and bringing home the victory that was crucial to gaining the title. Often she was asked to go above and beyond her belief in herself and repeatedly she surpassed expectations. Over time she gained confidence and her confidence was infectious to the team, when Stephanie was dropping time, other team members were working to drop time as well.

Stephanie's work ethic was exhibited daily; showing up for every practice early with equipment on the deck ready for the start of practice. I remember her smile with playful clapping encouraging the rest of us to join her from the bleachers. During swim sets that seemed to last forever, Stephanie was keeping up and encouraging the rest of us to keep up too.

Stephanie's sportsmanship was exhibited in her grit, her goodness and willingness to include all members of the team in cheers and traditions. She is loved in her community and continues to support EHS Sports, it would be wonderful if she could be recognized at this time for an expansive high school career that led to additional opportunities. Her swimming career has inspired and continues to inspire young swimmers in our area as a couple of her records still stand! Stephanie's legacy is a testimony to the value of high school sports.

Kind regards

Jenni Page

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October 21, 2024

Kentucky High School Athletic Association
2280 Executive Drive
Lexington, Kentucky 40505

Dear Members of the Selection Committee,

I am writing to express my support for my dear friend and teammate, Stephanie Livers to be considered for the KHSAA Hall of Fame. For over four decades, Stephanie has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the sport of swimming and to her local communities. Below, I would like to highlight a few key aspects of her remarkable journey.

From the age of six, Stephanie has been a record-setting athlete, with over 15 standing Elizabethtown club swim records to her name and others that she maintained for more than two decades. While freestyle was her preferred stroke, she excelled in multiple disciplines, significantly contributing to her team's overall success. Several of her records are relays which all owed teammates to enjoy success because of her talent.

Throughout her career, Stephanie has consistently pursued excellence in each of her events, showcasing extraordinary talent. Her accomplishments include numerous accolades at the high school, junior national, and senior national levels, as well as being a four-year US Open qualifier during her collegiate tenure at the University of Tennessee.

Stephanie's dedication extends beyond her personal achievements; she has played a crucial role in mentoring fellow athletes, including myself, helping us gain national recognition in zone championship meets over several years. After concluding her collegiate swimming career, Stephanie channeled her passion for the sport into a successful career in law. Following over seven years of education, including three years of postgraduate studies, she successfully passed the bar exam and established her own small business in our community.

Even after her competitive swimming journey, Stephanie has remained actively engaged in the sport by volunteering as both a club and high school coach, while continuing her education. She also dedicates her time to meaningful causes and is currently serving on the board of Hospice for Central Kentucky. Beyond her impressive statistics, she has consistently demonstrated exceptional sportsmanship and dedication to the sport. Stephanie embodies the values of hard work, perseverance, and integrity that define our community and has set a positive example for her fellow competitors, serving as a role model for aspiring swimmers everywhere.

For these reasons, I strongly believe that Stephanie is more than deserving of a place in the KHSAA Hall of Fame. Her legacy in the sport will undoubtedly inspire future generations, and I am confident that her induction will honor both her achievements and her lasting impact on swimming.

Thank you for considering this nomination. Should you require any additional information or insights, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Jennifer Kron



Elizabethtown High School Athletic Hall of Fame

October 20, 2024

Re: Stephanie Livers

To Whom It May Concern:

The Elizabethtown High School Athletic Hall of Fame Board of Directors is pleased to support Stephanie Livers for induction into the KHSAA Hall of Fame. Stephanie is more than deserving of this honor and will be a great addition to the KHSAA Hall of Fame.

Stephanie had a stellar swimming career at Elizabethtown High School, during which she won multiple individual as well as team state championships. Stephanie has six individual state championships in the 200-yard freestyle and the 500-yard freestyle. She won the 200 freestyle in 1989 and 1991, and was the champion in the 500 freestyle in 1989, 1990, 1991, and 1992. Further, Stephanie was a member of two state championship relay teams in both the 200- and the 400-yard freestyle in 1992. In addition to her state championships, Stephanie was also a member of five state runner-up relay teams. Stephanie also set the state record in the 200 freestyle in 1991, and her relay team set the state record in the 200-freestyle relay in 1992.

Stephanie was a 10-time Western Regional Individual Champion. She took home the 100-freestyle title in 1988; the 200-freestyle title in 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, and 1992; and the 500-freestyle title in 1989, 1990, 1991, and 1992. Stephanie also had three Western Regional relay team championships.

On the team side, Stephanie was a member of the girls' state championship team in 1992 and a member of the girls' state runner-up teams in 1989, 1990, and 1991. Moreover, Stephanie was a member of four combined-team state championship teams in 1987, 1988, 1989, and 1990. Stephanie was also a member of six girls' Western Regional championship teams from 1987 to 1992 as well as a member of five Western Regional combined team champions from 1987 to 1991.



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Stephanie holds numerous Elizabethtown High School, regional swimming, and club swimming records. Some of those records have been broken after standing for more than 20 years, and 14 of her records remain unbroken.

Stephanie was an 11-time Junior National qualifier and a 12-time Senior National qualifier. She was a first-team high school All American in 1992 in the 200- and 500-yard freestyle and was named the state high school championship Outstanding Female Competitor in 1989. Stephanie was also a US National Team selection in 1990 and 1991 as well as qualifying for the 1992 and 1996 Olympic Team selection meet. After graduating from Elizabethtown High School, Stephanie was awarded a full athletic scholarship to the University of Tennessee where she was a 13-time collegiate All-American.

Not only is Stephanie an integral board member of the Elizabethtown High School Athletic Hall of Fame, but she is also a member of the 2014 class. Stephanie is currently active in her community in addition to owning and operating her successful law firm. The Elizabethtown High School Athletic Hall of Fame Board of Directors recommends Stephanie Livers for induction into the KHSAA Hall of Fame without reservation and is proud to support her in this endeavor.

With gratitude,

Lindsey Alicna, Chairwoman

Thomas Baldwin, DMD, MS Past chairman

Elizabethtown High School Athletic Hall of Fame Board of Directors